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For America's Most Complete Post

250,000 Attend Benning Attractions

Two hundred and fifty thousand officers and enlisted personnel at Fort Benning attended free outdoor and indoor stage attractions provided for their amusement during the past year and during December 33,650 attended athletic events or took part in them on the reservation.

This information was made public this week in reports by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post special service officer.

At the theaters, where a nominal charge is made for admission, 394,883 attended the 12 movie houses in Fort Benning during a recent 28-day period, according to a report made this week by the Main Theatre, the colored theater and two others on the Main Post, there are four in Harmony Church, two in Sand Hill, two in the Fifth ASP area, and one in Alabama.

DECEMBER SLATE

Included in the December sports attractions were the four Main Post Basketball League games, the 14 Infantry School League games, two Main Post dances, and the 289th Station Hospital dance, all in the Main Post stadium; ten ASP Basketball League games, 24 Infantry School League games, two Fort Benning League games, the ASP Christmas party, and the Truck Regiment pre-Christmas party, all in the Harmony Church Sports Arena; two Fort Benning basketball games, 30 days of games in the Main Post Bowling Alley, and the Intra-Post Basketball League game with Camp Rucker.

CAMP SHOWS

The Camp Shows report covers an indoor season from January to May of last year, an outdoor season from May to October, and another indoor season from October to December. In the outdoor shows were nine USO troupes, each showing five or six plays, and hospital performances, and there were five special attractions. There were also two Soldier Shows, sponsored by the Main Post Recreation Office, which were given indoors. The outdoor season saw ten USO outdoor attractions, and two Post Shows, with a total attendance of 150,000 for the season.

This list of events gives some idea of the wide range of entertainment available to the troops at Benning and the heavy participation, through attendance and otherwise, shows an appreciation of the type of entertainment offered.



FIRST BABY TO BE BORN IN FORT BENNING'S Station Hospital in 1944 is pictured above with his mother, Mrs. Jacques R. Weston, wife of 1st Lt. Weston of Company C, Service Battalion, 3rd STR. He arrived at 12:01 a. m. on Jan. 1 and has been given the name Richard Keith. At the left is Captain Henry P. Lattuada, attending physician, and at the right Lt. Emily Butler, ANC, who proudly view their young charge. (Signal Lab Photo by Kortemeier.)

Stork Derby Ends In Tie; Duplicate Prizes Awarded

We thought it might happen but we really didn't expect it in our Stork Derby to see who would be the first enlisted couple to bring in 1944's first baby at Station Hospital.

General Uhl Is New 4th SC CO

Major General Frederick E. Uhl has been assigned as commanding general of the Fourth Service Command of which Fort Benning is a component, the War Department announced. General Uhl succeeds Major General William Bryden. Fourth SC headquarters are located in Atlanta.

General Uhl had been in command of the Seventh Service Command since May 7, 1941. Born in Harrod, S. C. March 30, 1889, he was graduated from West Point in 1910 and was appointed a second lieutenant in infantry.

General Bryden has been commanding the Fourth Service Command since March, 1944. He was born at Hartford, Conn., February 3, 1880. Following his graduation from West Point in June, 1904, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the artillery corps.

He became deputy chief of staff of the Army in June, 1940, and served in that capacity until he was appointed to head the Fourth Service Command. He was a frequent visitor to Ft. Benning, his most recent visit having been last October when he came here to award Brig. General Walter S. Fulton, retiring post commander, the Legion of Merit Medal.

Well, two storks practically collided up at the Hospital on New Year's Day, and Captain Daniel Roth had two deliveries to contend with at the same time. Alone on duty since only one maternity case was really expected, Captain Roth found another stork flying in somewhat unexpectedly, and all at once he had two deliveries to make simultaneously.

WE SEND SOS

Under the circumstances the editors of THE BAYONET had to dig up a little extra cash, call for help from Columbus merchants, call a tie, and pay off duplicate prizes to two lucky couples.

So \$25 war bonds will be awarded to Sandra Ann Milano, new daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Archie J. Milano, and to Sharon Marlene Corbett, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Lamar Corbett, both of whom were born shortly after high noon on January 1. In addition there will be fourteen other prizes given by various Columbus business houses.

Sgt. Milano is assigned to the Post Athletic Office while Sgt. Corbett is with Headquarters Company Reception Center, Regt. Headquarters today.

THE REAL MCCOY

Fort Benning's first baby of the New Year was Richard Keith Weston, son of Lt. and Mrs. Jacques Weston, of 1818 Wynnton Road, who arrived only one minute after midnight on January 1. Richard, whose father is with Company C, Service Battalion, 3rd STR, did not win first prize because the contest was limited to the offspring of enlisted personnel.

Poor Richard will always be in a quandary as to the exact year of his birth because, technically he was born at 10:01 p. m., Central Standard Time, or 11:01 Central War Time on December 31. Since all Georgia with the exception of certain military establishments is on Central War Time, it was for this reason that the time of Richard's birth will go down in the records as in 1944 instead of 1943.

Oh, golly! "Confusion worse founded!"

Col. Westerman Named New Post Chaplain

Lt. Col. John W. Westerman, who has been on temporary duty at headquarters of the Military District of Washington, D. C., has been named Post Chaplain at Fort Benning. It was announced today by Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning.

Chaplain Westerman, who is expected to arrive to assume his duties in the immediate future, succeeds Col. Frank M. Thompson, who went on terminal leave last Sunday prior to his retirement on April 30 after 27 years' service as an Army chaplain.

Colonel Thompson was chief of chaplains at Fort Benning for the past two and a half years.

Academic Duo Buys \$1,000 War Bond Each

Sgts. Donald M. Frank and William S. Bopp of D Company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, started the Fourth War Loan campaign by buying a \$1000 bond each. It was announced at Regimental Headquarters today.

The purchase entitles Sgts. Frank and Bopp—assistant instructors in the Chassis Group of the Automotive Section—to all rights and privileges of membership in the \$1000 Bond Club, which now has eight members.

Sgts. Edward Hodges and Henry Scroggins, and Cpl. Johnston Woodall, charter members of the club which was organized during the Third Loan Drive, hope to double their membership during the Fourth Drive, scheduled to start on January 18.

All Academics will be asked to initiate or increase their Class E bond allotments and to buy at least one bond for cash during the national four-week campaign to raise fourteen billion dollars to carry on the war.

News Reels Will Film 'This Problem'

Pathe News specialists, photographers and crews have arrived at Fort Benning to shoot various local scenes to be incorporated in the film "News Front" depicting the work of a war correspondent. Public Relations officials announced Wednesday.

The cameras were scheduled to begin grinding this morning, and among the takes to be made at Fort Benning will be the regularly scheduled "Battalion in Attack" demonstration to be put on by Infantry School troops next Monday in the BIA area beyond Cusseta.

LAWSON FIELD SCENES

While here the photographers will also shoot scenes over Lawson Field from a transport plane carrying paratroopers. All units at Fort Benning are cooperating, including the Signal Corps, which is supplying carrier pigeons, for several scenes to be taken.

Like the "Lieutenant Smith" film made here last March, and April, "News Front" is one of the series of "This is America". However, only a portion of "News Front" is being made at Benning.

STAFF NAMED

Among the Pathe News men who have arrived at the post for the filming of local scenes are John De Mott, advance liaison representative; Robert Allen, well-known actor, who is taking the lead in the film; Larry O'Reilly, writer of the film; and Walter Mullens, William Sikes, Barney Howe, and James Maloney, all members of the Pathe crew.

Public relations also announced that Margaret Bassett, writer for Life magazine, is expected here to gather material and pictures for a story on military maps and overland travel at the post. She will take advantage of the opportunity to view the "Battalion in Attack" demonstration.

Yule Card Gets Here Year Late

Related word comes of a still more belated Christmas card—an entire year behind the schedule. Mailed in December, 1942, the greetings reached Lieutenant Stephen J. Bondarenko just in time for the New Year.

A friend in Brooklyn, N. Y., sent the card to Lieutenant Bondarenko, himself a Brooklyn native and now attending Officers' Communication Course in the 13th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School.

Forwarding addresses covered the envelope. Transferred several times during the past year, the card finally arrived managed to keep one jump ahead of the pursuing Yule message. It finally caught up with its friend just in time for this Christmas.

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KOPACKI MODEL

The model who posed for the picture, Cpl. Steve Kopacki, of Ft. Co., was selected by the Academy of Design to pose for the picture over half the regiment participated in voting for the typical soldier of the 176th Infantry Regiment. Cpl. Kopacki is six feet tall and weighs about 195 pounds. He was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1920. Before enlisting in the Army on March 8, 1942, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corp., Baltimore, Md.

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After the war, he had excellent training in his profession. He received scholarships to both the Art Student's League and the National Academy of Design, where he was an outstanding student, winning most of the first awards. Twice runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize, he was selected a Tiffany Fellowship in 1940.

WORKS AS FREE LANCE

Up until his induction, he had been working as a free-lance artist while managing to continue with his studies. In this capacity he received a wide variety of experience in the commercial and fine arts field. During the past five years Sgt. Jackson was associated with Arthur Jaffe as a retoucher, color expert, and copyist in the production of the world-famed Jaffe color prints of great masterpieces of art. This job necessitated a great deal of traveling and, consequently, he met many interesting people and had numbers of unusual experiences. Because of the difficulty of shipping these valuable pictures from various museums throughout the country and the risk involved, very accurate copies had to be made by the artist. Among the better photography. "In doing this work I stumbled upon many interesting secrets and techniques of the old masters," he said.

Book illustrations and adventure cartooning was another type of work he did when the occasion demanded. Among the better known characters he drew were Captain Marvel, Jr., Spy Smasher, Rex King, and Kaanga.

Today the comic magazine is a rapidly expanding, million dollar industry. The artist, Sgt. Jackson of St. Johns, Ind., has had excellent training in his profession. He received scholarships to both the Art Student's League and the

Jonni Powers Named Academics' Sweetie

Miss Jonni Powers, dancer and drama student in New York City, who has been chosen as the Sweetheart of the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School. Age, 19—height, five feet seven and one-half inches—weight, 133—hips, 35—waist, 24—bust, 34. Eyes, bright brown, hair, flaxen. Miss Powers will visit the Academic Regiment sometime in January.

Miss Powers is expected to visit the regiment some time in January, according to Sgt. Villafra, who notified the contest winner by telephone on Tuesday evening.

The unanimous decision of the judges brought to an end the competition suggested by the Harmony Church company reporters of the Mirror and announced on October 28. In early December, the judges selected Mrs. Mable Phillips, of Gallatin Gateway, Mont., sister of S. Sgt. Vincent Berruti's entry of a picture of his fiancée, Miss Betty Neumann, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was picked as the second preliminary winner.

The conferring of the title of REGIMENTAL SWEETHEART on Sgt. Villafra's lady friend

gives the monopoly on beauty to D Company, since all three winning photos in the contest have been submitted by members of that company. Although the contest had been suggested by E and F Company representatives, the overwhelming majority of entries came from the Main Post companies. Pictures of mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts have come into the Mirror office since the announcement of the contest.

Sgt. Villafra met Miss Powers over a year ago at a popular night spot in New York City where she was then engaged as an entertainer.

Miss Powers is now attending drama school while Sgt. Villafra, in the Army almost three years, is about to complete the automotive course and be reassigned at the Automotive Section, where he was previously at work in Headquarters.

The judges, who met three times for discussions on the merits of the entries during the contest, were: M. Sgt. Robert Burton, regimental personnel sergeant-major; 1st Sgt. Wilson L. Harpe; 1st Sgt. Benson, mess sergeant; and the editor and assistant editor of the Mirror.

Benning to Get First Negro Parachute Outfit

Plans for the first Negro parachute unit in the American Army have been completed, and the unit, designated as the 555th Parachute Infantry Company, will be activated at Fort Benning, the War Department announces.

Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command, under whom the unit will serve, has been authorized to appoint a field officer and a medical officer to select volunteers for an enlisted cadre from the 92nd Airborne Division at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Other personnel necessary for the cadre will be furnished by the Third Army, and the balance of the company's strength will be provided later from qualified volunteers.

SPECTACULAR WORK

In taking its place under the Airborne Command, the 555th Parachute Infantry Company is joining an element of the Army that is comparatively new, but has already made a spectacular contribution to the war effort, both in this country and overseas.

Parachute units have been successfully used in combat in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and the Southwest Pacific. Recently, in an important demonstration of this new type of striking power from the sky, an airborne division was landed in a single night-and-day operation during maneuvers near Camp MacKall, N. C.

Volunteers accepted for the new unit will receive the rigorous training at the Parachute School, Fort Benning, which every soldier must undergo in order to become qualified for duty with parachute troops.

Navy Wife Joins Army's WAC's

Private Eleanor Christie's menfolk are Navy fliers, but she decided to join the Women's Army Corps.

Her husband, Warrant Officer Francis V. Christie, a naval aviation machinist 16 1/2 years, was recently awarded the Purple Heart after he narrowly escaped death when the Japs bombed his ship at Pearl Harbor.

William Robert Mix, Jr., a naval aviation cadet training at Hurlingham, Kansas.

Enlisting in August, 1943, Private Christie took her basic training at the WAC center in Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and attended administrative school at Nacogdoches, Texas. Since early December, she's been on duty with the 4th Battalion Headquarters, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School.

In January, 1944, her husband flew from California to Honolulu with six Navy planes, the first formation flight across that part of the Pacific.

He was on the flight deck of the seaplane tender Curtis anchored in Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7. A 500-pound Jap bomb struck 12 feet away, killing all of the 69 men on the deck but left Christie with minor wounds. Despite the close call, he calmly went about his duties. When his bravery won him the Purple Heart, he kept the ribbon and sent the medal himself to his wife at Fort Benning.

Two months ago, after he had been a chief petty officer since 1929, Christie was promoted to warrant officer. He is now stationed at Alameda Naval Air Base, California.

Private Christie's son, William Mix, graduated from Alhambra High School at San Francisco, Calif., before being accepted for naval air training. He expects to win the gold wings of a flying ensign in April, a few days after his twentieth birthday.

GOOD START

The year started off with great promise for three staff officers of the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School—First Lt. Forest W. Mault, James E. Warren, and James L. Wilson were all wearing captain's bars on New Year's Day.



ONE OF THE MOST VIGOROUS PAINTINGS of an infantryman has been executed by Sgt. Ken Jackson, editor of the 176th Spirit, regimental newspaper, and is now on display at the Main Post Cafeteria. Model for the painting was 23-year-old Cpl. Steve Kopacki from Baltimore, who was selected by popular vote of the regiment as the foot soldier most typical of the regiment. Artist Jackson is shown (second from right) indicating a few places upon which he intends to do more work. Pertinent fact about the painting is that it was done in 11 days. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

'What's Buzzin' Here Jan. 14

First USO Show of the 1944 season is scheduled to reach Benning on Friday, January 14, when it opens at the Main Theatre and runs for five days. It was announced today by Lt. Colonel Charles C. Finnegan, chief of the Special Service Branch.

The attraction is titled "What's Buzzin'" and according to advance reports, the show fairly buzzes with novel and exciting entertainment. Headlines from stage and radio grace the past of this musical revue which comes direct from Broadway to you.

Schedule of performances: Friday, January 14, Main Theatre, 7 and 9 o'clock show for colored personnel only; Saturday, January 15, Theatre No. 10, 7:30 and 9:30; Sunday, January 16, Theatre No. 4, 7:30 and 9:30; Monday, January 17, Theatre No. 11, 7:30 and 9:30; Tuesday, January 18, Theatre No. 4, 7:30 and 9:30; Wednesday, January 19, Theatre No. 7, 7:30 and 9:30.

LOCKHART COMMANDS

Parachute Training Regiment has been assigned as Battalion Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Parachute Training Regiment, The Infantry School.

Replacement and Training Center, Camp Croft, South Carolina, the 7th Infantry Division, and the 1st Parachute School on October 2, 1943.

176th Infantry Artist Paints 'Spirit of 176'

Sgt. Ken Jackson, editor of the 176th Spirit, regimental newspaper, has recently completed a large, painting entitled "The Spirit of 176". It is now on display in the Main Post Cafeteria at Fort Benning.

It is a large canvas depicting an infantry attack on an enemy position with fixed bayonet. In it, Sgt. Jackson has endeavored to express the cool courage displayed by the American soldier during a tense moment in battle. He feels that, until recently there has been a tendency to overlook the doughboy in favor of playing up the more glamorous branches of the service and to forget the essential character and importance of his task, even in modern mechanized warfare. Therefore, he has tried to symbolize the ideal fighting man with all his heroic qualities, in a lasting tribute.

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Ill GI's Toast New Year With Cough Medicine

The humorous ingenuity of the soldiers of the 7th Armored Division wouldn't let a little thing like the "flu" and hospitalization prevent their "celebrating" the arrival of 1944.

They termed a quiet hospital ward into a beehive of "Happy New Year" wishes when they persuaded the doctor in charge to allow each of them to drink a glass of cough medicine as a toast to each other and the Allies while the hospital clock ticked off the fading moments of 1943.

"The toast?"
"To Hell With Hitler... and A Happy New Year for The Fighting Allies."

Then, the men, whose homes are scattered in all four corners of the nation, placed their little glasses of a tray, turned over on their sides and went to sleep. They had seen and celebrated "out with the old, and in with the new" in the central dispensary of the 7th A. D.'s 72nd Medical Bn.

"The twelve staging the 'celebration' were—Cpls. Paul H. Murphy of Lake City, Tenn.; John Puskas of California, Pa.; John Adams of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Joseph Zychewicz of New Bedford, Mass.; James Byrd of Roanoke River, N. C.; Bob Owen of Liv Manor, N. Y.; John D. Guarascio of New York City, Pa.; Ford Proelke of Kankakee, Mo.; Pfc. Matthew Steiner of Tampa, Fla.; Pvt. Arthur Steiner of Waddington, N. Y.; and Sgt. S. M. Tarleton, Jr., of Opelousas, La.

Main Chapel Choirs Announce Music For January 9

The Morning Choir will render a program of appropriate music at Sunday morning services at the Main Post Chapel, including Gounod's "Ring Out, Wild Bells," arranged by Zanig; and "I Am Alpha and Omega," by Staines.

The evening choir of children whose ages range from eight to 12 years will sing Wesley's "Lead Me, Lord," at evening services.

The children's choir will soon start work on two-part anthems and an anthem for three children's choirs.

Mrs. J. O. Methvin, choir director, announces that both choirs still have vacancies for additional voices, and interested personnel is invited to join.

The evening choir rehearses on Fridays at 8:30 o'clock and the morning choir at 8 p. m., both in the Main Post Chapel.

Some steam locomotives operate without fires; they store steam in thermos bottle-like containers.

KP Duty Inspires Song; Composer Can't Write Note

Scrubbing pots and pans, the bane of most KPs, inspired Private Richard Harrison of Lieutenant Frank H. Crowe's 25th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, to compose "My Favorite Bench in the Park." It turned out to be his first composition accepted by a music publisher.

Vocalist Harrison never studied music and can't write a note. But one day he was working in the 25th Company kitchen. A sinkful of bubbling water, shiny aluminum ringing against its sides, warmed his heart. Harrison burst into song to express his cheery sentiment.

His buddy, Pfc. Gordon Anderson, wrote down the tunes for him. The Apex Music Company, of New York, plans to release the song shortly.

Civilian Chaplain To Aid Clerics

The Rev. Mr. H. George Vorse, Jr., D. D., pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived in Columbus Sunday to serve as civilian chaplain at the First Presbyterian Church during the month of January.

The Rev. Mr. Vorse received his education at the University of Illinois, Armour Tech in Chicago. The Presbyterian Theological Seminary, of Chicago, and the Dallas Theological Seminary, Texas, from which he graduated in 1926. He received his Master of Theology degree from this same institution in 1934.

Prior to his present pastorate, he spent twelve years as minister of the Central Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Ohio. Sunday afternoon, he conducted devotional service at the Salvation Army U. S. O. and had charge of the forum discussion in the Presbyterian Service Center.

While in the community, he will assist in the number of ways in the activities of the First Presbyterian Church for the service men and will also be available to the chaplains at Fort Benning, and to visit in the hospital. He may be contacted at the Ralston Hotel or the First Presbyterian Church.

POW Unit Wins Mess Flag Award For December

The Flag Award for the best mess of any Army Service Forces at Fort Benning for the month of December was won by Headquarters Detachment, Prisoner of War Camp, Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, post food service supervisor, announced Wednesday.

Runner-up was WAC Detachment, Section 1.

The award is made on the basis of cleanliness, food conservation, and preparation and service.

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"THAT'S WHERE WE GOT IT." Cpl. Peter E. Burns of Fargo, North Dakota, one of three brothers wounded at Guadalcanal on the same day, all of whom have received the Silver Star and Purple Heart, is shown during the course of the description of his experiences on the "Canal" in the office of The Infantry School Public Relations Department. Cpl. Peter Burns is now in the Third Student Training Regiment of the School where he was sent as an officer candidate. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Renowned Burns Brother Attends Benning's OCS

Striving for a commission in the Second Company of the Infantry School's Third Student Training Regiment is one member of the renowned "Three Burns Brothers," who made things decidedly uncomfortable for the Japs on Guadalcanal until all three were wounded on the same day. The brothers all wear the ribbons of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

The officer candidate is Peter E. Burns of Fargo, North Dakota. With his brothers, William and Edward, he formed a fighting company to drive U. S. forces from the top of the mountain at Henderson Field. The candidate recalls there were 50 Jap air raids during his first month on "the Canal."

The Japs pressed these attacks with the aid of shelling from their naval units which would range close to shore after nightfall. Naval firing sometimes would continue unrelentingly for periods of several hours.

During the six weeks before he was killed by mortar fire, the candidate took part in three major actions at Henderson Field, Koli Point, and Matanikua river. Throughout the entire period, the battalion view section to which the Burns brothers were assigned, had one eight-day rest and that took place at the immediate rear of the front lines.

Constant patrolling was the order of the day for the battalion in order to keep lines functioning. Daylight patrols were favored but it was often necessary to go out at night when the patrols would crawl beneath the fire of both their own unit and the Japs.

On the day he was wounded, Burns had taken part in three patrols and he remembers the last one as being "very, very tough." After the unit had been pinned down for several hours it succeeded in regaining its own positions safely. The remainder of that story is told in the citation as follows:

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RISKS OWN LIFE

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Woman's Club

By KATHERINE HAMMARGREN

Mrs. J. W. Pepper, president of the Army Wives' Club of the Columbus USO-YWCA, will review "Happy Land" at the January meeting of the book reviews group of the Fort Benning Women's Club. The meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 10, at 2:30 p. m. in the Ladies' Lounge of the Officers' Club. Players with all degrees of experience, from beginners to advanced, are welcome. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Mackinlay Kantor's timely novel shows how an average American family responds to the effects of the war. Beautifully told, it relates the story of people who are typical of America in their laughter, tears, love, and courage.

The bridge group of the club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 2 p. m. in the Ladies' Lounge of the Officers' Club. Players with all degrees of experience, from beginners to advanced, are welcome. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

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Does the old belt feel tight, now that you've slipped that big New Year's Day dinner under 12?

Members of the 20th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, felt their waists bulging after putting away the "all-out" fare they were served on Christmas Eve. They decided to do something about that over-stuffed feeling.

The men asked for, and are getting, an extra hour of calisthenics daily—on their own time. They intend to keep on exercising until those multi-course holiday dinners fade to a pleasant memory.

the university's Military Prep School and completed one semester of college work. But to get back to Major Guerry, a flier, interviewed in recent issues of The American Mercury and The Reader's Digest, says this about him:

"Alex Guerry is another recon pilot who doesn't need guns. One day he was stogieing around at low altitude in the South Pacific when a Jap patrol of four Zero fighters dove onto him. Those most planes are slow and clumsy and Guerry was so damned mad at their nerve that he started buzzing them—diving down on them, coming so close it scared the liver out of them. A P-38 is so hot it will drive a Zero crazy. Guerry ended up by forcing all of them down on the water. As the last one came down, Guerry swooped him with his propeller wash, which turned the Jap over."

The officer, a colonel, goes on to state in his interview: "When Guerry came in all excited and an hour later, I gave him hell for it because, of course, I didn't believe the story—G2 insisted there were no float planes around. But next day when Guerry's pictures were developed, there they all were—and one upside down."

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CG Commends 7th A.D. Public Utilities Shop

Personnel of the 7th Armored Division's Public Utilities shop has received a commendation for meritorious service from Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silverster, commanding officer of the Division.

The commendation awarded in recognition of work done by the section reads as follows:

"For the superior craftsmanship, skill and initiative displayed in the many tasks of construction, remodeling and maintenance throughout the division at desert training center and Fort Benning."

The workshop, a bee-hive of activity, employs from 10 to 60 enlisted men, a majority of whom are from the 3rd Engineer Battalion. Each of the men are skilled at their jobs, having in most cases been employed in civilian life as engineers and builders.

In the workshop, equipped from the Engineer Battalion, a number of odd jobs are done each day. The multitudinous duties require a full-time crew which work night and day at times to keep the work up to date.

Recognizing the quality and quantity of work accomplished by the workshop as a unit, Maj. Gen. Silverster personally awarded the certificate of commendation.

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Engineer Civilians Awarded 'T' Flag For Bond Buying

Civilian employees of the U. S. Army Engineers for the Fort Benning area and the Mobile District have been awarded the Treasury department's Minute Man "T" flag in recognition of the fact that 80 per cent of civilian personnel are subscribing 40 per cent of their pay to war bonds.

Capt. James A. Baird, area engineer here, said the Mobile District was the only Engineer District in the South Atlantic Division and the only engineer installation in the Fourth Service Command to receive the award. The District is a part, was highly complimented for its enviable record by both the Service Command and the Division Office.

A War department banner is being awarded the Fort Benning area office for its outstanding record of 98.6 per cent participation and 10.8 per cent deduction in the pay reservation plan. Major H. C. Rush, Jr., district war bond officer, wrote Capt. Baird.

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48th Armored Band One Of Post's Best

(ED. NOTE: This is the second in a series of short articles on 7th A. D. orchestras and the military band.)

The band that was formed in a mess hall a year ago this week when Sgt. Tony Borrelli and Cpl. Ernest Gallet put their heads together to organize a dance band in the 48th Armored Infantry Battalion of the "Lucky 7th," has come into its own as one of the top-flight musical aggregations of Fort Benning.

Totalling personal appearances in service clubs, gymnasiums, USO clubs, etc., as well as a regular weekly radio stint over WRBL, the 48th Armored Infantry orchestra can boast of being the band heard most from the post.

Sgt. Borrelli, leader and trumpet player, is a first-rate professional musician with several years experience behind him in Everett Bogard's and Del Courtney's orchestras as first trumpet.

HILARIOUS BURLESQUE

A thorough scouring of the battalion for talent resulted in small six-piece outfit which made its debut a year ago in North Camp Polk, La. When the division moved to California for a tentative desert training the band added four more men and introduced the "Sad Sacks" as a novelty routine.

"The Sad Sacks," all band members, do a hilarious burlesque of popular tunes such as "Paper Doll" rigged out in mop-head wigs and rolled-up pantlegs. Likewise they make like mad with the music to "The Shave" and "Kitty," which are standing favorites with the boys.

Pvt. Don Skallenup, James

Piccirilli, Bill Dietlein and Earl Wentz are the band's four zanies. In addition to numerous radio shows, the 48th has played at the Hollywood Casino, Douglas Aircraft, and in Palm Springs on the west coast as well as at Columbus' smart Polo Hunt club and Cherokee Lodge.

EXCLUSIVE, EH HUH

The most exclusive engagement played, however, was the private one they played for Eddie Cantor, Mickey Rooney and Constance Moore when the stars came out to the desert.

Much of their current success is due to the smooth arrangements of Pvt. Ernie Gallet and James Piccirilli, with the former also the proud papa of a glee club within the band.

Pvt. Steve Brue as bass player; Cpls Maurice Phillips and Kermit Luma, drummers; Fred Ahlstedt on vocals with Sgt. Borrelli; Pte. Emil Perna on guitar and Cpl. Fred Bowen on piano complete the outfit.

Currently playing on one of the most popular of local air shows they are heard weekly at 6:30 p. m. (EWT) Tuesdays over WRBL, 7th A. D. in the "Rambles Rhythm."

OFFICERS PROMOTED

The following promotions have been announced at Lawson Field by Major William J. James, commanding officer of the 3rd Composite Squadron (Sp):

From 1st lieutenant to captain: Wendell W. Bennett, Columbus, Ohio; from 2nd to 1st lieutenant: Howard G. Sutton, Palm Harbor, Fla.; and Jean O. Boutz of Lima, Pa.



SGT. TONY BORRELLI, formerly with Del Courtney's band, pauses between dances at the 7th Service Club to give his own 48th Armored Infantry orchestra a rest. In addition to personal appearances, the Fightin' 48th band plays a 15-minute radio show Tuesdays at 6:30 p. m. (EWT) over WRBL. (Official U. S. Army Photo 7th A. D.)

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An Army Wife Shops in Columbus

By Phyllis

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Whether you plan to buy sturdy and good-looking luggage; phonograph records; oven-proof ware for the kitchen; clothing for your youngsters; housewares; and housewares of perky, bright materials; playthings for tiny tots; shirts, ties, hosiery and compact gear for military men; potting plants; a drip coffee pot or innumerable other things, you'll find by buying anything at this family department store you are assured a wide selection of really good merchandise which proves its worth as time goes on. Join the throng and shop at Ward's for your household furnishings and family clothing for the new year.

Wise parents, taking the advice of experts, shop for children's shoes paying particular attention to the way each shoe fits on a tiny foot. Correct shoe fitting is absolutely essential if you want your children to grow up with well-spread feet and an easy, natural walk. To assure perfect fit, the MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE COMPANY has an X-Ray machine to prove the position of the foot when inside the shoe. This machine, coupled with the advice of the skilled sales personnel of this up-to-the-minute footwear shop, leaves no room for guesswork when you take your youngsters for a shoe fitting. Carpenter Scientific shoes have long been one of the most outstanding children's shoes, for not only are they perfect for growing feet, but they're attractive and sturdy, too. The next time you shop for little Jimmie's shoes, shop at Miller-Taylor and you'll be completely satisfied in every way.

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Lingerie can be just so-so, or it can be just "div-lee," and

Officer Waits 25 Years For Promotion To Captain

In November 1918 1st Lieutenant Herbert A. Rininsland at that time serving as adjutant of the 2nd Regiment, 1st Brigade, Field Artillery, Replacement Depot, at Camp Jackson, S. C., was awaiting his promotion to a captaincy. The recommendation for the promotion was in, and all he could do was wait. The Armistice, however, brought an end to the war and to hope for promotion as well.

In January 1919, Lt. Rininsland received his honorable discharge as a first lieutenant. Almost 25 years later, on December 31, 1943, Lt. Rininsland, now assistant chief of the Civilian Personnel Branch at Post Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia, received notification of his promotion to the long-awaited captaincy.

Capt. Rininsland, a native of Kansas, now resides with his wife and their youngest son, Richard John Rininsland, already has two children in the service, while the third soon hopes to become a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

MISSING IN ACTION

His eldest son, 1st Lt. Donald A. Rininsland, first pilot of a Liberator Bomber, was reported missing in action in the South Pacific on February 12, last year. His second son, Second Lt. Bruce M. Rininsland, is with the Eighth Air Force somewhere in England as pilot of a Flying Fortress.

His 20-year-old daughter, June, is in her last year of nurse training in Covington, Ky., and upon successful completion of the course, hopes to become an Army Nurse.

Capt. Rininsland served on the Mexican Border in 1916 with the 126th P. A., with which he served in World War I, before going to Officer Candidate School and his assignment at Camp Jackson.

SEVES IN CMP

He re-entered the service on May 12, 1942, as a first lieutenant, Corps of Military Police, and served in St. Augustine, Fla., before going to activate and train three CMP units. He came to Benning in March 1943 to assume his present assignment.

A former resident of Des Moines, Iowa, he was for eight years director of Retail Sales and Use Tax Division of the state of Iowa. At the time he reentered the service, he was doing industrial and commercial survey work.

TPS Non-Coms Open Own Club

The Non-Commissioned Officers' Club of The Parachute School was opened January 1.

The membership is \$2.00, with monthly dues of \$1.00 per month, or a total of \$3.00 the first month. The Non-Commissioned Officers' Club Building (the old Student Officers' Club, First Parachute Training Regiment—closed) is located on Belko Street, directly across the street from Company "G," First Parachute Training Regiment.

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ASTP Glee Club Sings At Special Watch Service

The Glee Club of the First Battalion, Fourth Regiment ASTP, under the direction of Corporal Winfield Kirchner, sang at the special Watch-Night Service at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 31. The service was planned especially in the interest of service men who were in the city on New Year's Eve, desiring to spend the last few months of the old year and the first in the new in a service of worship.

Refreshments were served to the Glee Club and to other soldiers present in the Service Center. The Service Center is located at 11th Street in the basement of the church.

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"Our Army is no better than its infantry, and victory will come only when and as our infantry gains it; the price will be predominantly what the infantry pays. To infantrymen battling overseas, the Army Ground Forces stand in reverent salute."

—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, CG, U.S.A.G.F.

Give Us More 'Why We Fight' Movies

Why we fight! Too often in the pursuit of routine, and sometimes tedious tasks, we find that we have lost the thread of just why we are fighting this war. The body and mind become exhausted and the phrases of "liberty" and "equality" seem to weigh upon us as just catch words that fire the imagination momentarily, and we wonder if the picture is not painted a little too gaudy; if not the horrors of war are just a little over-exaggerated.

We, the American people, are an extremely contented lot and it isn't too hard to forget the hardships that some nations are really experiencing; it isn't too hard to let the harsh words pass lightly by in favor of some more pleasant. It is what the Axis found that prompted them to label our nation as "soft."

The big picture of our world and the war is indeed a moving picture made up of a series of small ones that in themselves do not seem too significant to our immediate welfare and the composite picture might truly be a difficult assemblage for the layman. The political, economical and military operations are often obscure when laid before one as a fragmentary bit of news as each small phase is carried, especially when they come from the four corners of the globe. So the American public, civilian and soldier alike, require assistance in assembling the multitude of the pieces of this vast jigsaw puzzle if they are to be kept abreast of the war itself and of their role in it, no matter how small.

The movie world, in collaboration with the War Department, has performed this important task for us. Credit is certainly due our leaders for the compilation and distribution of the "Why We Fight" series of motion pictures which has already gone a long way in the education of the American fighting man. We like to be reminded, in such a manner particularly, of just what our lot in the war is and how it goes into the overall picture to make the final stroke of the brush one that our posterity may gaze upon with critical eye and not with a shrug.

Give us more "Why We Fight" pictures. We like them.

—OC Rene J. Shuart,
14th Company, 3rd SFG.

Suggested Resolutions For Victory In 1944

In order to make 1944 a year of VICTORY for the United Nations, we would suggest that all American soldiers:

RESOLVE to study thoroughly the Constitution and Bill of Rights in order to know exactly what Democracy is and for what they are fighting.

RESOLVE to memorize, word for word, The Star Spangled Banner.

RESOLVE to read the biographies of Washington and Lincoln as well as other great American pioneers.

RESOLVE to work hard to accomplish with perfection, whatever job that may be entrusted to us.

RESOLVE not only to disregard rumors, but to squelch them at their source.

RESOLVE to walk, talk, think and dream only in the rhythmic cycles of VICTORY.

To our civilian population, we soldiers would suggest that they:

RESOLVE to adhere to those cited for soldiers above. In Great Britain, civilians are accepted in the realm of soldiery at the present time.

RESOLVE to profit less at the expense of soldiers. Remember that the profit will do you no good should we lose. Even if we win, the profit may do you no good. Soldiers of this war are observing everything and we will not forget them easily. War profiteers will be dealt with differently in this war.

RESOLVE to stay at home more so that fired soldiers and sailors can share a seat when they go home on short furloughs. This may be their last furlough and their last ride on American soil.

RESOLVE to stop strikes.

Sgt. Wm. Calhoun Hope.

Good Leader Possesses Bank of Maneuverability

A good leader is the proud possessor of a "BANK OF MANEUVERABILITY," the asset of which are the pliable wills of other men who work with him wholeheartedly on any mission he should wish to accomplish.

A trained dog receives his initial indoctrination in the will of his master by being led around on a leash. Once the leash is no longer necessary, the dog's will and that of his master are synchronized to such an extent that the master merely indicates what he wills and the dog instinctively obeys. His own volition has become of a negative value to such an extent that his master's will is the only correct one—it is the reasoning will.

With human beings, the process becomes somewhat more complex in that more obstacles have to be overcome. Such things as desires, obstinacies, ambitions, pride and jealousies have to be molded into a "single pattern of activity" before the master can superimpose his will over others. However, he does this by giving patently to ideas and "modus operandi" quicker and more logically than others. They, after recognizing this phenomena, of necessity, pay homage to his innate mastery by a blending docility.

However, the leader or master, must possess a

will which has the volatility of "gun powder" to such a degree that it overshadows the wills of other men and causes them to follow with a magnetic persuasiveness. His will must be endowed with the ingredients of a mother-wit skill, comeliness, understanding, and "savoir-faire" to such an extent that he, figuratively speaking, sees with the other man's eyes and thinks with the other man's brain. In other words, his will becomes a sedative against their own volitions and he has their full cooperation and consent without actually having to ask for it—he implies their consent by his actions.

Although he has warmed their sensibilities and created submission, he must not lose sight of the fact that he must teach their young ideas "how to shoot" in order that they, in turn, may become leaders.

Sgt. Wm. Calhoun Hope
3rd Bn, 131st Infantry

We Are Glad Victory Is In Sight

As the third year of our entrance into the war begins, we Americans have much for which to be thankful. We have not been bombed like most of our Allies. We have all the necessities and luxuries any nation could ask for. Our taxes are low and our sacrifices have been in most cases at a minimum.

We should be proud of our men and women who have responded willingly to our country's call, and proud of their sacrifices in leaving their homes, families, businesses, and established practices to serve in the armed forces; also proud of their courage and skill they have displayed on every battlefield.

There is room for pride, too, in the devotion with which those compelled to remain at home are backing up the sacrifices of our fighting men. Every one able, is doing essential war work, buying bonds and cooperating with the government in every way to aid the war effort.

We are grateful that in a world which has been robbed of all their freedoms, we Americans are still independent and free to fight for the preservation of our liberties.

Above all, we are pleased with our progress in this war and that we are on the road to victory. From this road we are resolved not to depart regardless of cost or sacrifice, until our enemies are vanquished and a just peace rules the world.

FRANK L. CIOFALO,
Major, M.C.
Regimental Surgeon, 1st Sigs. Tng. Bn.

Now Is The Time To Back Invasion With War Bonds

Janice Lee Sayre, 13-year-old stepdaughter of Sergeant James M. Torbert of the Parachute School is convinced that this is everyone's war. It is not confined to fighting battles, but entails saving and giving, and inspiring others to do.

Janice, who lives in Van Port City, Portland, Ore., believes that no contribution is too small; that everyone can and must purchase War Bonds and Stamps. To this end she has enlisted as a modern crusader urging others to follow her example. Not only does Janice buy Bonds regularly, she was also inspired to write the following poem asking all others to remember the heroic struggle of the soldiers overseas.

Below is a poem written by Miss Sayre.

BUY, BUY, BUY BONDS:

I saw a ship go sailing, go sailing on a bay,
I saw a ship go sailing to a land that's far away.
It sailed out of a harbor, with captains, mate and crew.
Yes, I saw a ship go sailing, but to where, few folks knew.
They sailed out over ocean, they sailed out over sea,
They did this to protect our Land of Liberty.
They anchored on a foreign soil, they fought, they died, they killed,
And sorrow for their comrades, in their hearts were filled.
There was no time for making graves, no time for prayers or tears.
For in the heart of every man, there were much greater fears.
They fought each morn, from dawn to dawn, but still they carried on.
The months passed by, and soon they died.
Yet did not die in vain,
Yes, there are dead and more ahead, but they are dying for these words:
Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.
Abraham Lincoln, please keep those blue birds in the sky,
Keep Old Glory flying high.
Take your money out and buy, UNITED STATES War Bonds.

By JANICE SAYRE.

It's better to create a new year than just to celebrate one.

It's not resolutions but revolutions that are likely to decide the fate of 1944. How revolutionary are your resolutions?

A world that led with his chin and got a black eye must learn to lead with his heart.

No shotgun marriage can bring unity to the family of nations.

Too little caring for others is just caring too much for yourself.

War Bonds Will Buy This Gift



USO Presents—

BASKETBALL, CONCERT, LUNCHEON AND REVIEWS OF CURRENT BOOKS

By FFC LOUISE WILIE
The second half of the USO basketball league is getting underway this week at the gymnasium of the Ninth Street USO. Competition among the teams is keen as the season passes the halfway mark, and the games coming up promise sport fans plenty of entertainment in the coming weeks.

The USO Concert Orchestra, which gave its initial concert Sunday at the Ninth Street USO, will repeat the program tonight at Service Club No. 3 in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning.

G.I.'s who like roller skating are invited to the weekly session tonight at the Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street. A dance is scheduled at the club Saturday night.

Wives of army personnel, both officers and enlisted men, are invited to the Army-Navy luncheon held each Thursday at 1 o'clock, Fort Benning time, at

the YWCA USO, 1425 Third Avenue. Reservations must be made Wednesday. The club's semi-monthly vespers program will be held this Sunday at 5 o'clock. Evening time, with the Rev. Samuel C. Cooper, pastor of the Christian Church, conducting. Supper will be served following the vespers.

The Quartermaster Orchestra of Fort Benning will provide music for the Saturday night servicemen's dance at the Negro Army-Navy YMCA USO, 841 Fifth Avenue. Vespers are scheduled at the club at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Negro YWCA USO, 936 Fifth Avenue, is featuring reviews of current significant books on its Wednesday program. Servicemen interested in keeping up with the best in new books are invited to attend the reviews, and their wives will be interested in the meetings of the Army Wives Club, scheduled for the same day.

The OI' Sarge Says—

BY SGT. JAMES TUITE
We knew a fellow who liked to walk Guard Duty. But now he's down at the Station Hospital directing the Battle of Waterloo, and we don't expect him back for quite a while. Not that there's anything wrong with pulling guard. It's lots of fun—provided, of course, that you make Colonel's Orders.

It says in the book that Guard Duty is a privilege granted to soldiers, but we know of only one guy who told the Topkick he decided to forego the honor. They're still scraping him up off the wall of the orderly room. And he bled so well with the new paint, too.

Most soldiers have only four objections to pulling guard. The first is walking post and the second, standing guard mount. The third is walking post and the fourth, standing guard mount. Their chief objection to both is that somebody might ask them their General Orders.

"You can know your General Orders perfectly—until the O. D. asks you for one of them. Then your mind goes as blank as the sick call book on a Sunday morning. Sometimes you might know part of a General Order, and with a little double talk fill in the rest. If you said that the Sixth General Order was to 'Receive, obey and pass on to the statement who remonstrated, ordain and ordain and nokamiresaf ordguard one,' you might get by with it.

Some guys are hopeless though. We know one who thinks that General Orders commands the Seventh Armored Division. He thinks the Tenth General Order is silly, because he's never seen an officer that wasn't cussed. He is trigger happy when he walks post, though. He'll fire all his rounds if he hears a sound, and then ask, "Who went there?"

We also know an O. D. who walked around the area, and every time he returned the salute of one of the privates on guard, mumbled

"The same to you." The officer with him asked why he made that remark when he returned a salute. The O. W. answered "I was a private once and I know what they're thinking."

This same O. D. noticed one private looked ill during guard mount, and being the right sort of officer, asked solicitously, "And intestinal trouble?"

"I don't know, sir," replied the dogface, "It ain't been issued to me yet."

We still like the one that happened near the site of the old 300th guardhouse down on the fringe of the woods. When the Captain was stopped by the guard and told to "advance and be recognized," he explained that he did not have his card identifying himself.

"I'm sorry, sir, but I'll have to see you," the guard began.

Suddenly a voice interrupted from the guard-house, "Don't stand there and argue, Bill; shoot him."

"Alright, don't call the Corporal of the Guard. We'll go quietly."

Chaplain's Corner..

MAKING LIFE FOOLPROOF

By Chaplain F. M. Thompson

The acme of inventive genius is to make a machine that anyone can operate without thought or hurt to himself—foolproof. Visitors to the world's fair saw a farmer sitting on the porch reading a newspaper while his tractor was going through the motions of cultivating his fields. All he had to do was to regulate a few switches.

We have many like inventions. And we are told the time is coming when all drudgery, all manual labor will be done by machinery. No thought, no fatigue, no worry, just press a button.

But why not make all life foolproof? It would fit in with the desire of a vast number. As Dean Inge puts it:

"We now demand to be personally conducted through life, all risks to be taken by some one else."

Well, that seems to be the program of war. Children are to be kept in school until they are old enough to work, then if they can find nothing to do they are to go on relief, or be insured against unemployment. After a few years they will get their ham and eggs weekly at the expense of the state. All very good. It surely will make life safe and comfortable.

I wonder, though, if when that time comes we will have enough energy left even to press a button. I have always understood that zest, the glory of living consisted in meeting difficulties, overcoming opposition. Sugar is needed but to make makes one sick, likewise ease, even joy and harmony.

"If all the world were music, Our hearts would often long For one sweet strain of silence To break the endless song. If life were always merry, Our souls would seek relief And rest from weary laughter In the quiet arms of grief."

We are not the victim of circumstances but the author of them.

Kay Says—

PLANS GO AWRY IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOUSE GUESTS

For years our various living abodes have lacked that essential of modern living, the guest room. Our over-night or out-of-town guests have been forced to slumber on sofas, on too-short divanettes, or on rickety canvas cots. They have kept their luggage intact for lack of proper space to put on any wearing apparel, and they have been forced to use their own hand mirrors for that delicate task of applying cosmetics.

Not that our guests ever seemed to mind, but it was with great rejoicing that we observed, upon moving into our present quarters, that at last we had come up in the world and could convert a spare bedroom into a guest room. We wooed the quartermaster into giving us extra cots. We put curtains at the windows. We wrote all our friends to come and visit us while they were hunting living places. We had great ideas about creating dressing tables, ruffled spreads, and all those other things that denote ingenuity and good taste on the part of a housewife.

Something seems to have gone awry, however. The basement proved too damp for trunks and luggage. They went into the spare bedroom. Our dwindling supply of liquor had come under the eager eye of a dusky employee, with disastrous results. We put the temptation under lock and key, in the spare room. Six boxes of books, in storage for two years, arrived to go into the spare room until we had time to sort them out.

By this time the guest room had ceased to be spoken of with pride. It had achieved the general character of many a roomy attic when a house had been lived in for many years. The rag rugs, which hitherto had struggled vainly to create the impression that the room had some pretensions to gentility, were removed to cover over expanses of bare floor. The closest, so carefully kept empty for the convenience of the prospective guest, became a depository for civilian grab and those little numbers which await the hands of a skilled dressmaker to become fashionable garments once more. The bedspreads, a little deflated by this time, adorned the maid's quarters.

It was only during the last bit of domesticity, however, that we realized that our guest room was doomed. The curtains, which had long lost their crispness, virtually vanished when subjected to soap and water, leaving in their stead a few shreds of chamois cloth. Diligent shopping revealed that bedroom curtains and the materials for such curtains, are not considered essential to the war effort. They just aren't.

We have pulled down the blinds, locked the door, and relegated our guest room to the limbo of those things that might have been. Guests are still welcome at our house, but they'll have to take our hospitality as they find it. And that means they'll sleep on army cots like the rest of us, drop their luggage open on a box of books, and use their own hand mirrors for that delicate task of applying cosmetics.

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

SARGE TURNS OUT HIS SADDEST COLUMN ON GOWDY FIELD

By SGT. TOM McDONALD

Life here at Gowdy Field has been most alluring during the past few mornings. Twice now the temperature has been so low that the turkey feathers on my "feather duster" have curled up, just before time for my pre-noon ritual of dusting off the seats in the officers' section.

When Colonel Swampwater assigned me to "Field Duty" I had absolutely no idea that "Gowdy Field" was what he had in mind. I had visions of changing through the underbrush somewhere in the tropics with a pack full of Hershey bars and C-Rations, but then on the other hand one never knows just what the army will do next.

It is not for me to judge the importance of my present assignment; my duty as I recall it from various lectures in basic training is within the province of G2 and my commanding officer, Colonel Swampwater.

Still it is with some misgivings that I am not to have two PFCs to assist me in this work. With "Candidate Sawgrass" now in O.C. School and Colonel Swampwater's nephew, Private Palmello, occupying my swivel chair, I find it regrettable that the orders assigning the two PFCs to work with me have been cancelled.

The solitude of this immense stadium is very stimulating to thought. Sleep is out of the question due to an icy atmosphere that tends to seep through my outer garments right down to my long underwear. I am naturally looking forward to the gay summer time with the brass bands and a baseball game going on most of the day.

Since this is my third morning here I have done considerable experimentation in wielding the feather duster. I have discovered that the straight "to and fro stroke" executed in cadence from side to side is rather fatiguing. Especially if you have been used to warming a swivel chair.

In my opinion most satisfactory dusting results can be obtained by a sort of "dusty shuffle" motion with an optional cadence. A firm grip with the fingers extended and pulled in is altogether necessary, in fact, excellent results can be obtained with a loose, primitive grip and relaxed wrist.

Yet, all in all, I guess, there's nothing like honest labor, especially if you have plenty of fresh air to breathe while you're trying to perform it.

It doesn't matter what we believe if what we believe doesn't matter.

Why shouldn't good people be as good as being good, as bad people are at being bad?

Men and nations with standards do better than those with rules.

An age of faith, with drama, art and literature of faith—or an age of faith, with drama, art and literature of faith.

We will begin to have an answer for our nation's problems when we take the blame for them.

YOUR SOLDIER BOY'S DREAMS

By Sgt. Paul F. Cunningham
Chief Operator
Post Radio Station

What does your soldier boy dream of?

When he's far from home and alone,
Dropping from heat on the desert sands,
Or in Alaska, chilled to the bone? Do his spare time thoughts turn to blood and death.

Or the lust of the men he must fight?
Or the thoughts, each sweet repose,
As he dreams far into the night?

I think I know, for I've had those dreams,
As I've travelled the miles between,
And lived once again in retrospect.

Taking joy from things done and seen,
Every happy moment I've known in the past,
Has been like a guiding star, Bringing me swiftly across the miles.

To a peace not even war can mar.
Your soldier boy hasn't changed much,
Even though he has had to kill. He still has room in his heart for love.

And the things which lie over the hill,
He sees his mother in the kitchen, Awaiting his return from school. Himself, rushing home for a piece of that pie.

The thought of which still makes him drool.

He thinks of all the people he knew,
And the main street he loved to walk,
The kids to whom he gave candy, And the old folks to whom he would talk.

He remembers nights under the stars,
With the girl who has his heart. His love has grown a hundredfold Since that first day they spent apart.

Oh, no, he hasn't changed, this boy. Unless it's to value the more. The precious things for which he fights.

And which soon will have as before. The experience has made your boy stronger. Made him grow into a man. Carrying glowing light to an unworthy foe.

Giving all he possibly can. You have no need to fear for him. Because wherever he goes, he'll find himself rushing his every move. And will bring him back safe and free.

They're both awfully close way out there. As he shuts his eyes in sleep. And until once again, he rushes home.

Your soldier boy, God will keep.

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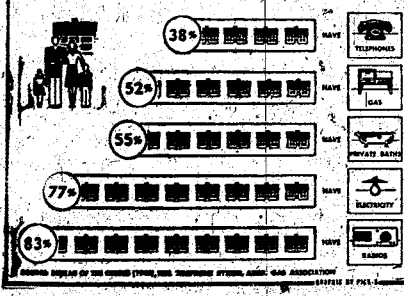
And when I see one of the million, I'm gonna shout, "Egad, Civilian!"

Lt. Marynet Harrington, WAC, 1st Student Training Regiment.

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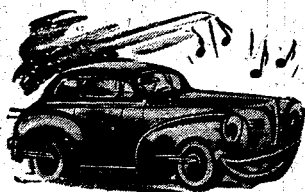
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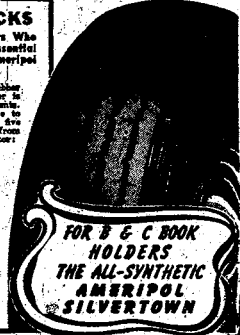
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Sore Barrier Between Eagles, Hoop Title

Holidays Slow Lucky Hoopsters

BY PVT. MEL WACHS

Another short holiday week curtailed the division cage race some what although eight teams managed to get in their licks before the new year bowed in. A pair of ball games in each of the combat commands served to break the three-club tie-up in COB, at the same time throwing the CCA league into a two-team dilemma for first place.

In the latter loop a fast, rangy 87th Recon squad, undefeated in two starts, smothered the last place 440th Artillerymen, two time losers, 40-28.

Cameron and Mouyard weren't just pokin' around as per their squadron motto, in ringing up eleven and ten points respectively and sparking the Recon drive. Oddly enough neither man capped top scoring honors for the evening forward Clay of the losers registering six times from the floor and dropping in a pair of three pointers for half the Howitzers' total. In the van by only four points at the half, the Recon applied enough sustained pressure to insure the win and a share of the first place berth.

653RD RED HOT

We use the word share advisedly. That red hot point-a-minute 653rd Tank Destroyer quiet means trouble for any outfit in this league. A basket barrage which kept the scorers working overtime overpowered a relatively anemic gang of hoopsters from the 454th E. A. Bn. who, in absorbing the 65-13, shellacking dropped to the league basement.

The losers have yet to break into the win column. Foster ripped the nets thirteen times from his guard post for 26 digits or just twice the sum of the outclassed artillerymen who needed six men for their unimpressive total. Five men worked the entire ball game for the Destroyers, Marzelle marking thirteen points, Prockett and Faresh fattening their averages with ten apiece and Roser contributing four. This is a well oiled machine which has managed in its two triumphs to date to keep the opponents' scores down to a minimum yet finding time to rack up a robust 129 points. It has given up a scant 39 points in winning both contests.

The 31st Tank Bn. is in sinking the 33rd Engineers, 50-37, kept its head above water in the league race with a record of two wins and one setback; that is to the delight of the 33rd. Tall, gangling Johnstead was once again the whole works for the Tankers. The sawky pivot, on rebounds, snatched away four shots in a scrimmage under the nets and miss all four. But he manages to sink that first try. Good for the 33rd. The Engineers, Johnstead stays right up with the individual scoring leaders in the circuit.

SQUAD DIVISION HQ. ROLLS

A solid crowd from Division HQ is still rolling smoothly. The 17th Tank Bn. moved the men from the hill to the basketball court. Now with the holidays out of the way, a full basketball menu at Sand Hill is in the offing. These next two weeks will be viewed on the basketball court, eighteen teams in both leagues ready to show their wares.

With Jackie Wilson, Joe Louis and Cpl. Smith ended the exhibition with a three-round bout. A capacity attendance at both arenas swayed the crowd upon the ropes and found themselves confronted by the Brown Bomber. One thought of Joe as a "human back huster" capable of destroying his opponent in one mighty explosion. In other words, he looked like what he actually is — a heavyweight champion who has knocked out 47 of 56 opponents in a ring career less than eight years old.

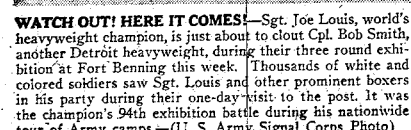
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Joe Louis Asserts He Expects to Fight Again

It was "Joe Louis Day" at Fort Benning on Monday as the world heavyweight boxing champion, now a sergeant in the U. S. Army, gave a series of physical fitness talks, and climaxed his busy one-day stay with a three-round exhibition bout with Cpl. Bob Smith, of Detroit at the Harmony Church sports arena.

Two thousand soldiers had an opportunity to glimpse the "Brown Bomber" at Theatre No. 3, where he and members of his party exchanged jokes. Sgt. Louis ended the appearance with a brief message to his fellow-soldiers. This was his 94th appearance on a nationwide tour of U. S. Army camps. When his present itinerary is completed Sgt. Louis is scheduled to visit military posts overseas.

Tipping the scales at 215, Sgt. Louis said he is more concerned about his job of helping win the war than his next ring opponent. He took time, however, to observe that he does expect to fight again but strenuous training will be necessary to trim him down to his best fighting weight. Asked about the possibility of a rematch with

Cpl. Billy Conn, the "Brown Bomber" asserted that Conn, like himself, was too busy carrying out plans for Uncle Sam.

Aside from Louis and Cpl. Smith, the touring party also included the "uncrowned" welterweight champion of the world, "Sugar Ray" Robinson, who ranks as sergeant; Sgt. Jimmie Edgar, Cpl. Jackie Wilson, Cpl. Robert Payne, all welterweight fighters; and First Sgt. George Nicholson, Louis' chief sparring mate. Edgar, Wilson, and Payne were high in the rating of professional fighters when they entered the U. S. Armed Forces.

Following a series of four preliminary bouts in the Sports Arena Monday night, "Sugar Ray" Robinson demonstrated his ring style in a three-round match

Sportscasting

By PVT. AL G. SMITH
(Pinchhitting for Sgt. Carl Neu)

Sgt. Joseph L. Barrow visited "our town" this week. His visit excited quite a lot of interest among GIs on this big military post.

Sgt. Barrow is better known to Americans as Joe Louis, the Alabama-born colored boy who punched his way to the heavyweight championship of the world. On Army records he is listed as Sgt. Barrow but he's still Joe Louis to millions of fellow GIs, as well as to the nation's fight fans.

Despite more than 90 exhibition bouts in his current tour of Army camps, the champion was 10 pounds overweight when he climbed into the ring for his exhibition match with Cpl. Bob Smith, a heavyweight who also calls Detroit his home. Louis now weighs 215 pounds, in contrast to his fighting weight of 205. The surplus pounds were easily around the waist line, as Sgt. Barrow but he's still Joe Louis to millions of fellow GIs, as well as to the nation's fight fans.

The hundreds of GIs who packed the Harmony Church sports arena for Louis' exhibition bout understood now why so many of his opponent have had attacks of the "nitters" when they crawled through the ropes and found themselves confronted by the Brown Bomber. One thought of Joe as a "human back huster" capable of destroying his opponent in one mighty explosion. In other words, he looked like what he actually is — a heavyweight champion who has knocked out 47 of 56 opponents in a ring career less than eight years old.

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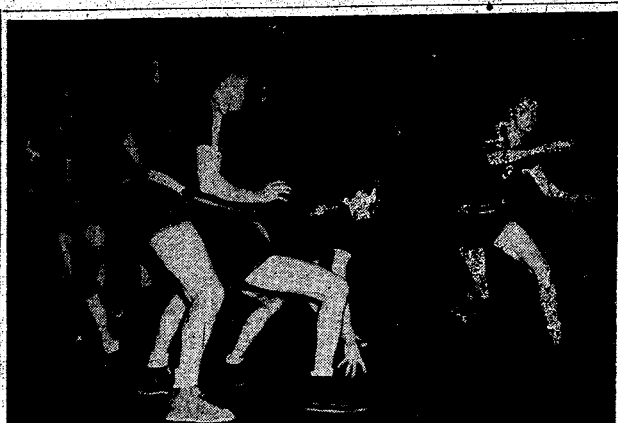
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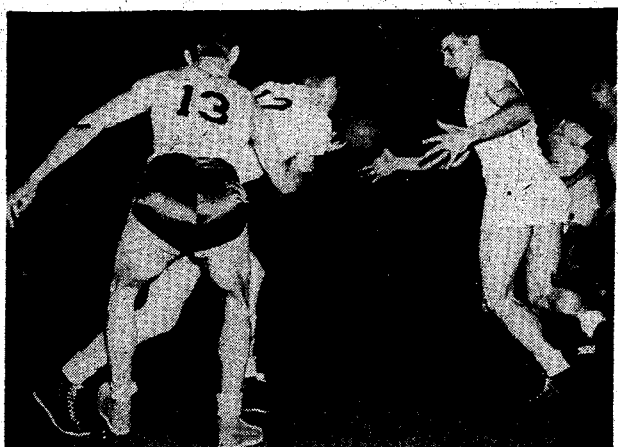
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TRAPPED BY EAGLES—Leon McCrary (with ball) lanky forward of the Academic Profs is shown getting himself surrounded by a pair of 67th Training Regiment Eagles in Sunday's Infantry School Basketball league clash at the Main Post Gym. The Eagles about to close in are Sam Genet, No. 6, and Jim Dooley, No. 3. No. 12 is John Belk of the Profs. Eagles won 46-45. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)



176TH INFANTRY SPIRITS 67, 300TH INFANTRY SABERS 30—No. 13 of the Sabers was foiled in an attempt to break up this play in Sunday's Infantry School league basketball game with the 176th at the Main Post Gym. Spirit John Sweeney (No. 12) has just pivoted, away from Noah Mullins and passes to Kirk Gebert, Spirit coach. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Reception Center Tigers Rout Tornadoes 77-0

With eight straight victories to their credit, and their goal line crossed only twice for 13 points as compared to 254 points amassed in their favor, Captain Charles Houghland's red-clad Reception Center Tigers became the nation's high-scoring football team New Year's Day when they crushed the Tornadoes of Camp Forrest (Tenn.) in the Victory Bowl classic at Memorial Stadium, Columbus, Ga., 77 to 0.

Power, speed and a brilliant passing game were the keys to the Reception Center's rout. The Tigers started again, ripped the Tornadoes' line for two successive touchdowns. A Camp Forrest punt was blocked in the third quarter and the Tigers gained two more points when the ball went out of the end zone.

Half-time ceremonies included music by the Reception Center band, which gave an exhibition on the field, and later filled the grandstand with music. The game was climaxed with a funeral dirge for the Tornadoes, "Hold That Tiger."

TO BENEFIT TROOPS

Proceeds from the Victory Bowl over expenses will be used to help finance a troops-in-transit lounge for colored soldiers in Columbus, E. E. Farley, director, USO Colored Army-Navy YMCA sponsor of the game, stated. Colonel William Hobson, Fort Benning commander, and Colonel Fred Lacey, Reception Center commander, gave their full approval to the benefit dirge classic and the proposed lounge also has the support of both white and colored civic-minded citizens of Columbus.

Mr. Farley, who instituted the Victory Bowl, said that he hopes that it will become an annual event. He has been a leading figure in promotion of football and other sports events in Columbus for many years.

Practically every member of the Tiger squad saw action and against the power drives of Macon Williams, Michael Chatham, William Monroe, and Lonnie Gaines the Tennessee service eleven was helpless.

From the Tornado fullback, selected on the Pittsburgh's Courier All-American when he played with the Wilberforce Green Waves, was the only man who showed any appreciable thrust against the Tiger's unyielding line.

Three Touchdown Passes

Three Tiger touchdowns were made on passes. Crews, a substitute quarterback, passed to Nathaniel Smith and Gaines for two touchdowns while Banks passed to Gaines for a touchdown.

The score stood 25 to 0 at half-time. Scores went the round for the Tiger back in the second half with Chatham, Macon, Williams, Monroe, Gordon, and James Williams scoring almost at will. In the final minutes of the game, the Tornadoes made one brief rally as Fuquay broke through the line for several good gains. Then J. Williams, once the offensive of the

Major Hoover Is CO, 7st Battalion, 1st Pcht. Tr. Regt.

Major Holman D. Hoover has recently been assigned to the First Parachute Training Regiment as commanding officer of the 1st Battalion.

Major Hoover was born in Riverside, California, and his home address is in Berkeley, California. He graduated from the University of California with a B. S. degree and took graduate work at George Washington University.

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One of the thrillers of the night was the 46-45 win of the Eagles over the Profs. When these teams met in the opening game of the season, the Eagles won by a lone point, 12-11. Eagle scoring came was effectively bottled by Ziemars and Prasse which was the chief reason for the closeness of the game.

One of the big scares of that night's play was provided by the 300th Infantry which extended the Rifles, 54 to 45.

The Academic Profs were taken into camp by the 131st Infantry, 37-25 in a game which saw the Snipers stage a pretty freezing fight in the closing minutes.

Sunday night saw 167th away at another scoring spree, this time at the expense of the 300th 67-30. The Snipers were also point hungry and hung up their highest total of the year, 62 points against the Leaders.

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6th Reg't. Is Only One Game In Front of Rifles

BY SGT. CHUCK VOORHIS
Infantry School Public Relations

One more major obstacle confronts the 6th Training Regiment Eagles and their bid for the first half championship of The Infantry School Basketball League. Out in front of the race with nine wins and no losses, they hold the hoop lead by the margin of just one game over the 3rd Student Training Regiment Rifles.

Those Rifles are that obstacle. The last time they met the Eagles, they lost a thriller by a two-point margin and a record.

The Eagles tripped the 176th for the second time Tuesday night, 61 to 56, almost duplicating their previous 60-56 win. The Rifles meanwhile rolled to a win over the 131st Snipers, 42-24, while the ASTP Leaders were losing to the 4th Regiment Spartans, 37-43 and the Academic Profs were being trimmed by the 300th Sabers, 63 to 48.

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Ramblers Hold Second Place In USO League

The Academic Regiment Ramblers only a half game out of first place in the USO basketball American League, clash, tonight with the 709th Tank Bn. third-place holder. The game starts at 7 p. m., EWT, at the USO auditorium in Columbus.

So far the Ramblers have won five out of six contests and have five games to play to end the first half. The D Company quintet is perched in a second-place tie with the Co. A, 300th Infantry, 63 to 48.

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Baker Village News

MRS. FRANCES B. LUTZ - TELEPHONE 2-3351

The residents of Baker Village ushered in the year 1944 with a colorful New Year's Eve party and dance in the auditorium. The holiday decoration, gay caps and serpentine added much to the festive occasion. Numerous lively parties were seated at the tables which were placed around the room, cabaret fashion. Music was furnished by a group of musicians from the 176th Infantry under the direction of Pts. Clark. The enthusiastic reception of this and other such affairs has prompted the Recreation department, under the direction of Mrs. Frances Lutz, to plan regular events for Baker Village and Benning Park.

The future plans of the Recreation department include not only these parties and dances but many other forms of recreation, entertainment of various kinds, music, dramatics, handicraft, sports and the like. Children of the different age levels will be included in the plans as will the adults. Anyone who has ideas or talent which can be utilized is urged to contact the Recreation department with the information.

Handicraft is now available in the recreation office and anyone who is interested may come any afternoon to make inquiry about the program or work on the various projects. Bracelets, belts and necklaces are being made. These articles of felt are also available to be made: purses, coin purses, lapel pins, buttons and the like. A limited amount of cork is available for many attractive projects, calendar pads, hot pads, match case sets, coasters and many other items. Children and adults are most welcome to come to the recreation office to work or to get information.

The Well-Baby and Immunization Clinic is now open on each Monday afternoon at No. 43 F. It has been received very well by the tenants and the attendance has surpassed expectations. The time is 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. EWT.

The teen-agers took a vote at their last party on December 21 and decided that they would like to get together each Friday evening in the auditorium for an evening of games, entertainment and dancing. If there is a good attendance on Friday, January 7, these parties will be held regularly. The time is 8 p. m. to 10 p. m. EWT. For those from 13 years and up.


A kindergarten opened on January 3 for children between the ages of 4-6 in the Nursery School in the Administration building. The hours are from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. EWT, Monday through Friday.

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FRIDAY James Craig... Dean Jagger "OMAHA TRAIL"	FRIDAY-SATURDAY Basil Rathbone... Nigel Bruce "SHERLOCK HOLMES FACES DEATH"
SATURDAY Tim McLean... "ROARING GUNS" Also Cartoon and Serial	SUNDAY-MONDAY Ray Milland... Paulette Goddard "REAR THE WILD WIND"
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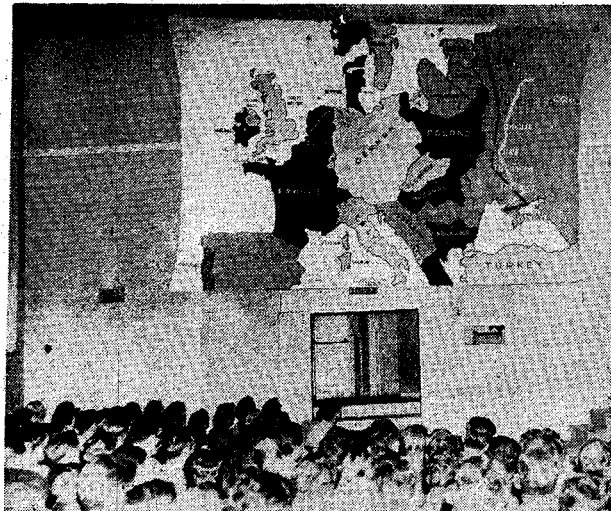
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STATION COMPLEMENT TROOPS paid homage to Colonel Frank M. Thompson, retiring chief of chaplains at Fort Benning, last Sunday by staging a review on the Reception Center parade grounds. In the above photo Colonel Thompson, second from left, is shown watching the review with Lt. Col. Ernest J. Knott, commanding the reviewing troops, on his left, and Colonel William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Ft. Benning; and Colonel Ulric N. James, commanding officer of the Reception Center, on his right. Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post special service officer, stands to the right rear of Col. Knott. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



OPERATING ON THE THEORY that a well-informed soldier makes a good fighting man, the orientation section of "Lucky 7th's" S.S.O. keeps GIs posted on latest developments abroad with gargantuan maps of the fronts hung on theater walls and used for discussions, lectures, and training films. (Official U. S. Army Photo-7th A.D.)

OC Student Gets The Silver Star

Thomas R. Haney, 12th Company, 3rd STR, 115, officer candidate, has received a citation from the President of the United States and has been awarded the Silver Star in recognition of his gallant service in the infantry while fighting on Guadalcanal.

Candidate Haney received word this week from Colonel John D. Hill, commanding officer of the Third Student Training Regiment, that he will be decorated January 6th during the 12th Company graduation exercises.

The presidential citation commends Haney for courageous action on two different occasions. The first—while operating behind Japanese lines capturing a Jap in a friendly territory for questioning. The second action involving the capturing of a Jap sailor by pulling him off a grounded enemy submarine.

Entering the infantry during the initial stages of the war, Haney received his basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and left this country early in 1942 for advanced training on Pacific islands. His outfit was one of the first to land on Guadalcanal and remained there until all the Japs had been cleared out. His specialty was patrol work and it was on one of these four-man patrols—Haney, a first lieutenant, and two native guides—that he got his first look at a Jap.

The party had just crossed a stream, a favorite place for the Japs to bivouac, and were climbing a trail on the far side. The officer had stopped to look over some recent Jap graves and Haney had pushed a bit further up the trail. Looking over a small crest, he saw a Jap kneeling down by the stream washing mess gear. Without looking around for his companions, he just motioned them up to protect him and crept closed to the busy Jap. Covering him with his rifle Haney brought the Jap to his feet and motioned him to come along. It was no deal there as the Jap shook his head vigorously. Haney moved closer and the Jap brought up his arm in front of his face to protect himself. Haney saw him opening and dropping his rifle and hit the Jap a judo blow to the neck spattering him all over the ground. The next half-second found Haney sitting on top of the Jap just in case. From then on it was just a matter of moving

day. The price is \$2.00 per week per person.

In connection with the Kindergarten a benefit bingo party will be held Saturday, January 8 at 8 p. m. EWT in the Auditorium. Prizes will be furnished for the benefit by various Columbus merchants and business firms. Miss J. F. Sheridan, the chairman urges that there be a good attendance.

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When documentary films, such as "The Battle of Russia" are released from Special Services in Washington, the 7th's orientation section schedules showings for all units within the division and prepares brief talks to supplement the movies.

In addition to this, a nightly news digest is given before each showing of a regular picture, and battle lines are kept up to date on screen-sized maps hung on theater walls.

Working behind the scenes on the project are Capt. Fred Bowen and John Sheehan. To them goes credit for keeping the situation maps up to date with colored pins and tape. Theirs, too, is the job of reading, digesting, and condensing current events. With Lt. Harold Swan, orientation officer, they write the five-minute talks preceding training films and the two-minute summary following, bring film fare up to date.

Orientation lectures are given with each showing of documentary films, by Lt. Swan, who uses the maps to bring the situation right up to the minute with late news bulletins.

Material for the lectures is obtained from news magazines and from the Washington office of Special Services.

The nightly newscasts are read in theaters by the projectionists.

Normally, a battleship carries 58 typewriters, but only 30 in war time.

Other than as a food, butter-milk is principally used in paint.

Where There's A 'Will' There's A Way On Benning Infiltration Course

In spite of shell and high water, Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will is going to put a soldier through the infiltration course at Fort Benning when he sets out to.

Maj. Leonard Stump, Atlanta Ordnance Depot, was sent to Benning to go through the course. Col. Will, plans and training officer of the post, started out with him. The road leading to the infiltration course could not be used, he learned, because of artillery shell fire in the vicinity. So he decided to come in a little used back trail and ford Upatol Creek with the automobile—but recent rains had made a raging torrent of the creek.

Undaunted, Col. Will found some boards, tore a piece of fence rail, and together with Major Stump and the automobile driver, built a foot bridge across the stream. They made the crossing safely, walked nearly a mile through ankle-deep mud, and came to the infiltration course.

Col. Will found that the soldiers who usually man the guns and not yet arrived, so he manned the guns himself, utilized some aerial bombs instead of the usual dynamite charges, and had Major Stump go through the course, which calls for crawling along over the hill, dale, log, stump and mud with machine gun bullets cracking overhead and dynamite exploding all around.

The Major completed the course, the party returned over the footbridge, Col. Will replaced the fence rails, and now Major Stump has a certificate to attest the fact that he went through the infiltration course.

MAJOR COOKS
Special Service Detachment of the Infantry School has a Sergeant Major as a cook. As a matter of fact, Sergeant Major Brooks is really a major. Even when he was a civilian cook in Oakville, Tenn., his name was Major Brooks.

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